

Fall Guide to DC

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Transportation

Metro: To get around DC like a local, you'll need access to the Metrorail and Metrobus system. Metro SmarTrip cards can be purchased at machines in any metro station for \$10 and come with \$8 worth of fare. (Additional fare can be added at any time using the metro station machines.) SmarTrip cards are required for rail use, but buses accept both SmarTrip and cash. Metro rides start at \$1.75 and max out at \$5.90. To see the public transport schedule, visit the [Metro](#) site, or download the [DC Metro and Bus](#) or [DC Metro Transit](#) apps.

Taxis and Ridesharing Apps: An impressive number of taxis (more than 6,000) make DC one of the easiest places in the country to hail a cab. All taxis accept both cash and cards and minimum taxi fare is \$3.25 with additional mileage charged at \$0.27 per 1/8 mile. Ridesharing apps Uber, Lyft and Via offer an alternative to taxis that may be more economical for some trips.

Bike Sharing: Public transportation can be overwhelming, so consider exploring the city by bike! Download the [*Capital Bikeshare*](#) app for access to more than 500 docking stations around the city. The first half hour ride is for free with fees added for additional time.



Electric Scooters: DC's hottest new transportation, electric scooters are available around the city and can be accessed via mobile apps. A more leisurely alternative to cycling, electric scooters have a motor that zips you down around town at up to 15 miles per hour! Scooter apps include Lime, Bird, and Spin.

Places to Eat

ON THE HILL

Eastern Market:

Bustling marketplace since 1873 featuring a variety of produce, handmade crafts & prepared foods. 225 7th St SE, Washington, DC 20003 (202) 698-5253

District Taco:

Mexican chain serving Yucatan-style cuisine, including burritos, quesadillas, tacos, and other items. 656 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003 (Multiple Locations) (202) 735-5649

Little Pearl:

Coffee house by day, wine bar by night, set in a lovely, vintage setting with a patio. 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003 (202) 618-1868

Good Stuff Eatery:

Restaurateur Spike Mendelsohn's flagship is a popular spot for gourmet burgers and frosty milkshakes. 303 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington, D.C. 20003 (Multiple locations) (202) 543-8222

We The Pizza:

Fast casual pizza with a lunchtime offer of 2 slices & a drink for \$10. Next door to Good Stuff Eatery. 305 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington DC 20003 (Multiple locations) (202)544-4008

OFF THE HILL

DC Noodles:

Authentic Thai restaurant that blends a sophisticated menu with a neighborhood attitude and a community spirit. 1412 U St NW (202) 232-8424



Zaytinya:

Chef José Andrés' light, airy mainstay offers Eastern Mediterranean small plates & regional wines. 701 9th St NW (202) 638-0800

Bethesda Bagels:

Delicious gourmet bagel sandwiches, available at multiple locations.

Garden District:

Barbeque restaurant and beer garden. 1801 14th Street NW, on the corner of 14th and S streets NW

El Centro:

Authentic and traditional Mexican food and craft Mexican-inspired drinks with three locations around D.C.

Ben's Chili Bowl:

Landmark restaurant in D.C. known for its chilli, hot dogs, half-smokes and milkshakes. 1213 U Street NW (202) 667-0058



Hen Quarter:

Southern style cuisine and bourbon bar. 750 E St NW, Washington, DC 20004 (202) 248-7036

Clyde's:

Family of restaurants featuring locally sourced and sustainable food and ingredients with daily happy hours, raw bars and half-priced wine nights.

Multiple Locations, but the best is *The Hamilton*: centrally located just blocks from the White House, the Hamilton offers 2 live music venues, one casual on the weekends and one dinner-show venue by schedule, along with themed dining rooms and an essential sushi bar.

Open City:

Pizza, all-day breakfast & more gourmet diner fare in an airy, tin-ceilinged space with a patio. 2331 Calvert St NW, (202) 332-2331



Founding Farmers:

Co-op-owned American eatery dishing out market-driven comfort cuisine along with rustic-chic style. 1924 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20006 (202) 822-8783

Union Market:

Warehouse-style food market with a host of artisans offering charcuterie, empanadas, gelato & more. 1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC 20002, (301) 347-3998 Ted's Bulletin: Family friendly,

all-day diner eats and shakes with a twist. Multiple Locations

CAVA:

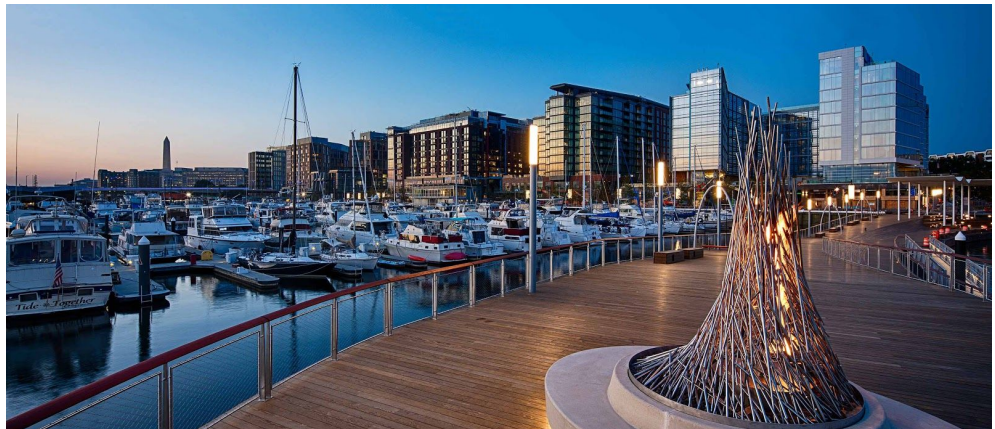
It's like Chipotle but with Mediterranean food. And it's amazing. Multiple Locations

The Wharf:

Seafood Market. 110 Maine Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20024 (202) 314-5759

Il Canale:

Thin-crust pizza from a wood-fired oven plus pasta & antipasti in a cozy exposed-brick dining room. 1065 31st St NW, Washington, DC 20007 (202) 337-4444



District Doughnut:

Casual coffee and donut local chain. Multiple Locations

Politics and Prose:

This bookstore-slash-coffeehouse-and-winebar is home to a plethora of politically-themed and motivated book and poetry events designed to inform and engage. Multiple locations. Check out their events [here](#).

Events & Shows

National Gallery of Art Fall Concert Series: (September 16th -December 30th)

The National Gallery of Art hosts free concerts every Sunday in the scenic West Garden Court (and occasionally the East Building Auditorium) throughout the fall. Concerts begin at 3:30pm



with first-come, first-served tickets available 30 minutes before.

H Street Festival: (September 15th)

This free annual festival, on September 15th features live music, dance performances, family friendly activities, contests and plenty of food vendors across its numerous staging areas, with anywhere from 200-250 businesses participating each year.

Air & Scare (October 20th)

The National Air & Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. hosts this annual event where families rock Halloween costumes and experience an intense round of trick or treating. But the fun doesn't stop there: crazy science experiments and creepy crafts are on the ledger as well. This free event is on October 20th from 12:00pm-5:30pm this year.



17th Street High Heel Race (October 30th)

An epic DC tradition for more than 30 years, the 17th Street High Heel Race, on October 30th this year, turns one Dupont Circle neighborhood street

into a raucous, Halloween-flavored spectacle. Heel hobblers, most of whom are decked out in full drag and makeup, are cheered on by screaming fans for the full quarter-mile race. October 30th 2018 parade at 7pm Race at 9pm.

The Bentzen Ball Comedy Festival (October 25th-28th)

A weekend of comedy at the Lincoln Theatre with names including Phoebe Robinson, Tig Notaro, Michelle Buteau and Jordan Carlos

Anastasia at the Kennedy Center (October 30th - Nov 25th)

Inspired by the films, and from the Tony Award-winning creators of the Broadway classic *Ragtime*, this dazzling show transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past.

Museums

African American History and Culture Museum:

The 19th and newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution seeks to understand American history through the lens of the African American experience. Open 7 days a week 10am-5:30pm. Free, timed passes are required.

National Gallery of Art:

This museum preserves, collects and exhibits works of art from numerous countries and historical eras and has a gorgeous Sculpture Garden. Open everyday except Christmas and New Years, 10am - 5pm Mon-Sat and 11am-6pm Sun.



[National Air and Space Museum:](#)

The National Air and Space Museum is a center for research into the history and science of aviation and spaceflight, as well as planetary science and terrestrial geology and geophysics. Visit this museum to check out the thousands of objects, including the 1903 Wright Flyer, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, and a lunar rock you can touch. Open 7 days a week 10am-5:30pm.

[Smithsonian American Art Museum:](#)

Home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world, the Smithsonian Art Museum and Renwick Gallery features photography, modern folk and self-taught art, African American art, Latino art, New Deal art, impressionist paintings and more. Open 7 days a week 11:30am-7pm.

[National Museum of American History:](#)

Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States, the museum traces the American experience from colonial times to the present. The American History Museum's collection contains more than three million historical objects—including the famed Star-Spangled Banner—and documents that explore the evolution of the American identity. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Christmas.

[National Zoo:](#)

Founded in 1889, the Zoo is currently home to more than 1,500 animals across 300 different species and is one of the oldest zoos in the country. Visit some of the most exotic animals in the world including giant pandas, Asian elephants, Sumatran tigers, Aldabra tortoises, Panamanian golden frogs, North Island brown kiwi, sea lions, orangutans and more. Open daily 9am-6pm March 15-September and 9am-4pm October-March 14.



[Newseum:](#)

The Newseum is an interactive museum that promotes free expression and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, while tracing the evolution of mass communication. Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 10am-5pm.

[United States Holocaust Memorial Museum:](#)

The Holocaust Memorial Museum is the United States' official memorial to the Holocaust. The USHMM provides for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history. Open daily from 10am-5:20pm.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden:

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is an art museum beside the National Mall, in Washington, D.C. The museum was initially endowed during the 1960s with the permanent art collection of Joseph H. Hirshhorn and often holds events and concerts for the public to enjoy. Open daily 10am-5:30pm.

Monuments & Memorials

Many monuments host commemorations on Veterans Day weekend, November 10th -12th

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial: Open 24 hours, located along the Tidal Basin.



Lincoln Memorial: Open 24 hours, located on the National Mall.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial: Open 24 hours, located along the Tidal Basin.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial: Open 24 hours, located on the Tidal Basin.

Washington Monument: Open 24 hours, located on the National Mall. (The Washington Monument is closed until spring 2019 for elevator modernization work)

World War II Memorial: Open 24 hours, located on the National Mall.

Korean War Veterans Memorial: Open 24 hours, located on the National Mall.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Open 24 hours, located on the National Mall.

U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima): Open 6 am - midnight year round, located in Arlington, VA.

Parks

Rock Creek Park:

Rock Creek Park is a large urban park that bisects the Northwest quadrant of Washington, D.C. It is one of the best place to experience DC's colorful fall foliage-right in the middle of the nation's capital!

U.S. Botanic Garden:

One of the oldest botanic gardens in North America, the US Botanic Garden is a living plant museum that informs visitors about the importance, and often irreplaceable value, of plants to the well-being of humans and to earth's fragile ecosystems.



The U.S. National Arboretum:

The National Arboretum is a garden, a park, and a research institution, part of the USDA. Its 446 acres include world-famous collections of azaleas, Bonsai and Penjing, dwarf conifers, and much more, cared for by staff and over 140 volunteers. The stark contrast of the sandstone Corinthian Columns and the vibrant fall leaves make it especially beautiful this time of year.

Yard's Park:

A premier waterfront destination, Yard's park provides green space and water features for all to enjoy the outdoors along the Anacostia River. This award-winning park is an ideal place for recreation, special events, and festivals throughout the year.

Theater & Music

The Kennedy Center:

The Kennedy Center is the nation's busiest performing arts center, hosting approximately 3,000 events each year for audiences numbering more than 2 million. Since 1971, the Kennedy Center's music, dance, and theater performances have been bringing the world to Washington.



Ford's Theatre:

Visit the historic site of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre and experience museum exhibits, live theatre and immersive learning.



Shakespeare Theatre Company:

For more than 30 years, the Shakespeare Theatre Company has dedicated itself to being the nation's premier classic theatre. STC's artistic mission is unique: to bring to groundbreaking, thought-provoking and

eminently accessible classic theatre in a uniquely American style.

The 9:30 Club:

The 9:30 Club is a progressive nightclub and concert venue hosting a variety of alternative and mainstream music acts. Since opening in the 80's, the 9:30 Club has been known for its reasonable prices, excellent sound quality, and famous 9:30 cupcakes.

The Anthem: Part of the 9:30 Club family, The Anthem is the District's newest live music venue, situated in the heart of The Wharf along the Potomac in Southwest DC.

Warner Theatre:

Built during the golden age of vaudeville and silent movies, the Warner has a colorful history that includes periods as a ballroom, cinema, and concert hall. Extensively renovated in 1992, the Warner of today is a premier destination for music, theatre and dance. A symbol of DC's revitalization and host to incredible shows, the Warner is not to be missed.

U Street Music Hall:

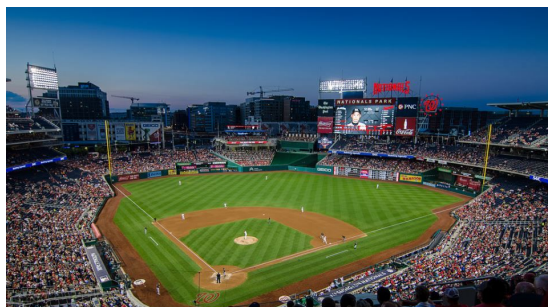
U Street Music Hall is a dance club and live music venue founded in 2010 and located in the U Street Corridor of Washington, DC. Artists and DJs booked at U Street Music Hall span the spectrum of electronic music, including house, disco, techno, bass and electro. It's often referred to as "U Hall".



Pearl Street Warehouse:

Pearl Street Warehouse is a live music venue, diner, and bar located on The Wharf. Focusing on Americana genres, it is a neighborhood hotspot and authentic place to hear live music. With the mezzanine level just 25-feet from the stage, the entire audience is treated to a front row-music experience.

Sports



Nationals (MLB): Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, SE

DC United (MLS): RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol Street SE

Capitals (NHL): Capital One Arena, 7th and F Streets NW

Mystics (WNBA): Verizon Center, 7th and F Streets NW
Redskins (NFL), FedEx Field, 1600 Raljon Road, Raljon, MD

Wizards (NBA): Verizon Center, 7th and F Streets NW



Nearby D.C.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier:

The ceremonial Changing of the Guard takes place 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and has taken place without interruption since 1937. Located in Arlington National Cemetery.

Women in Military Service For America Memorial:

The only major national memorial for women who have served and defended the United States. Open 8 am - 5 pm daily, located at Memorial Ave & Schley Dr, Arlington, VA 22202.



Great Falls:

This scenic park is home to one of the nation's first canals, the Great Falls of the Potomac, as well as hiking trails along Mather Gorge's dramatic cliff tops.

Mount Vernon:

The beautifully maintained home and grounds of George Washington provide a glimpse into life during the revolutionary era. History buffs will love the wide range of exhibits, tours, and activities, and

even the most casual visitor will fall in love with the beauty of this place that was so dear to our first president.